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Board Selects Architectural Firm for Science Facility



Gilmer Hall has been in renovations for months. Photo Credit: Jonathan Walkey

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As most people who have class in the building probably know, much of Gilmer Hall looks just as it did in 1968, the year of its completion. The building is home to the departments of biology, chemistry, physics, and astronomy; many feel that the building needs to be updated to meet the evolving needs of those departments. Re-

cently, some flooring has been replaced to abate non-harmful asbestos, and this process will continue for a while. Other recent improvements have also been made throughout the building.

Glenn Culley, Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance, discussed the recent Board of Trustees vote to start moving forward with the Gilmer Hall renovation and/or addition. In October, four architectural firms (Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas, Glave Holmes/Lord Aeck

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Lock Your Doors and Look out for Strangers: An Update on Security

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This past semester there has been an increased amount of security at events as well as on fraternity circle. Doug Mooney, Interim Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, said that recently this semester there has been a problem of burglaries as well as people from outside of the Hampden-Sydney community creating problems at parties on campus. A string of burglaries occurred in the few weeks from late August through

October, with incidences being reported on August 30th, September 25th, October 2nd, and October 11th. An arrest was made on September 26th to an individual that had no ties to campus. On October 7th, an arrest was made to a group that was breaking into cars and that were also linked to a burglary in Farmville. In addition to these parties, on October 4th it was reported that a weapon was displayed at a party. On October 11th, an assault reportedly occurred at a fraternity party. Through November 14th through November 18th a string of burglaries occurred out of rooms and automobiles; no arrests have been made.

Chief Mooney realizes that parties are what primarily attract outside individuals to come on campus, which can lead to negative incidents occurring. He has interacted with the residents of fraternity circle in attempts to make the circle safer. He says "we were able to beef up some of our security to try to make it less inviting for people coming on campus but still keep a distance to allow the students to unwind without a police state." He recognizes that it's a delicate balance, saying the last thing he wants is for the campus to appear like a police state, and wants students to know that the

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Pheon Society Announces Presence

*Alex Abbott '17
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Earlier this week, the *Tiger* received the following letter, which seems to announce the existence of a secret society on campus.

"To our eternal Hampden-Sydney Brothers,

"We are The Pheon Society. For years, our presence among you and our footprint on this campus have been shrouded in secrecy. We have sought

no recognition, for our purpose is the selfless sacrifice of the few for the benefit of the whole. We are led by a small group of men that you surround yourself with; a small percentage of the student body that has been chosen for initiation into the Society. Nevertheless, our reach is wide and deep; our networks extend back generations.

"Our mask represents who we are. Just as an individual disguises his appearance behind the physical material of the mask, so too do we disguise our membership behind the cloak of the Society. Our members seek no acknowledgement, nor any thanks

for the jobs they do. We hide behind the mask not for fear of discovery, rather so that we receive no recognition for our presence among you.

"There are those of you who will doubt, those of you who will cast a shadow of disbelief on our very existence. We will continue to help, we will continue to prosper, and we will continue to ensure that this august campus perpetuates its very legacy.

The Pheons"

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Alex's Words for the Holiday Season

This time last year, our campus was dealing with a pair of tragedies that affected everyone in our community. This year, I encourage everyone to reach out to his or her family, loved ones, and all those involved in campus life. Make sure that the people around you know you love them, and be sure to share your feelings of love, joy, and thankfulness with the world around you. I wish you all the best of luck on your exams, and I hope you all have a safe, happy, and healthy Winter Break. Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and enjoy your break.

The FACES Cup Fundraiser Returns for 2016

To our community,

As we prepare for the holiday season, many in our community face dire straits. Prince Edward County faces a poverty rate of nearly 19 percent, which means that many of our neighbors find themselves without reliable access to good nutrition. FACES Food Pantry in Farmville, VA helps to alleviate this problem. Since the early 1980's, FACES has served Prince Edward County's less fortunate. Hampden-Sydney had an important role in FACES' founding, and

many of our professors and students stay involved in the organization.

Given our historical relationship with the organization, I started the FACES Cup Fundraiser last fall. In that iteration of the event, we raised over \$1000 for FACES. This year, the goal is to double this number.

The fundraiser is composed of three competitions between fraternities, student clubs and teams, and faculty/staff offices and departments. The victor in each will have achieved the highest percentage participation among its membership. In the

event of a tie in this metric, the victor will be decided by the highest giving per capita among the tied parties.

I ask that all members of our community get involved in this event. One of the marks of being a good man and a good citizen is a philanthropic attitude. Let's come together to help our greater community, and show that Hampden-Sydney truly cares about her neighbors!

Warm Regards,
Justin W. Parker
Class of 2016



OPINION

Making Hampden-Sydney Great Again, Part One: Beautification

Logan Leathers '17
Staff Writer

I plan on writing a few short articles in which I will outline how we as a community can make Hampden-Sydney great again. Some of these will be more controversial than others, but I will start off with something relatively benign: The beautification of HSC.

I believe that as a community, we can do a better job to keep this campus looking spectacular. As a former prospective student and current tour guide I can attest to the fact that the beauty of our campus is a major selling point. Boys will fall in love with our school, even in the rain. From

our beautiful brick buildings, to the manicured lawns, Hampden-Sydney is gorgeous. So why do I bring this up?

Simply put, despite B&G's best efforts, we still manage to cover our campus in trash, empties, and cigarette butts. We have garbage bins all over. Walk three feet to the right and toss your study beer in there. Don't break bottles on the walk ways or street. Put your finished cigarette in the metal containers outside EVERY SINGLE DOOR. It's not hard to keep this place pretty. The campus itself does 99% of the job for you. All I ask is that as student body, we make a much more concentrated effort to keep this school gorgeous.

Until the student body can maintain the beauty of this school by itself

I propose an addition to *The Key*. I say that under code of conduct an Appendix be placed for littering. No major changes, but small fines should be assessed to people or groups who litter. These fines would not exceed \$50 unless deemed absolutely necessary. I think that holding responsible those who throw their cans on the lawn outside Morton or Cushing and ash their cigarettes on the steps by Bagby is completely fair. We came here to be men. Men take care of themselves and their belongings. My charge is that if you truly care about this school, make sure it stays beautiful for our guests as well as our current and future brothers.

Generations of Hampden-Sydney men have done so before us; it's our responsibility to continue their legacy.

Taylor Talk Returns with Holiday Advice



Taylor Ancil '16 & Josh Taylor '16
Staff Writers

It's that time of year again: holiday parities are upon us (unless you're an AXE brother). Here are a few tips to make it through this holiday season.

1) NEVER ARRIVE EMPTY-HANDED – it's tacky and reflects poorly upon your mother. We suggest

bringing a gift for the host/hostess such as flowers (a timeless classic), wine, a Christmas ornament, or a dainty edible of your own craftsmanship.

2) DRESS APPROPRIATELY – again, don't shame your mother.

3) WATCH YOUR BEVERAGE INTAKE – still on the theme of not shaming mom. Not only is gluttony one of the ugliest sins, but it may lead to decisions that will have negative repercussions for you and, potentially, your children. Also, if you plan to drink, always have a designated driver.

4) HAVE AT LEAST ONE INTERESTING THING TO TALK ABOUT – and when we say interesting, we don't mean something bland or overly scientific. Have some factoid that is educational, accessible and intriguing. And even then, don't bludgeon people over the head with it. Simply bring it up casually in conversation if they ask about you, and when you see their interest waning, drop it.

New Years Resolutions are a common convention in our culture that represents moralistic delusion and a desire for self-improvement. Please take our opinion on the following three topics with a grain of salt.

1) DON'T BUY A GYM MEMBERSHIP. If you want to get back in shape, it's important that you first prove to yourself that you can maintain a steady fitness habit. A habit forms in 21 days. So, start out with

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Women in the Infantry? Give Them a Chance!

Bobby George '17
Staff Writer

To start this opinion piece, I first want to clarify the headline. I believe women should be given the opportunity to become a part of the Infantry; the key word is opportunity, meaning the ability to attempt initial training; in this specific case that would be Infantry Advanced Individual Training (AIT). For the readers unaware, the Infantry is the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 11B, most commonly referred to as the "Foot Soldier," and is responsible for the front line of combative warfare.

First and foremost, I will concede that women attempting to become members of the Infantry, in my hypothetical/Opinion-Writer/selfishly ide-

al world, must meet the same standards physically as men in the Infantry. The Infantryman's Creed proudly states that they are the "best trained soldier in the world," so women that aspire to be in the Infantry must be able to also meet these claims. Simply put, the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) and all other forms of training would be the same regardless of gender for Infantry standards. Basically, women would not be given any of the "POG" standards that are currently granted to non-Infantry soldiers (POG being "Persons Other than Grunts," the unofficial term, or arguably a military slur, for non-Infantry soldiers).

There is also a significant fear that women should not be in the Infantry because they would be more subject to sexual harassment, assault, and even rape. There is a direct problem with this thinking, however; restricting opportunity to

women within the Army due to fear of mistreatment punishes the victim.

There is a ridiculous but common objection to my claim which involves a woman's period; the thought is that due to a woman having her period, she could not make a strong fighter. The simple fact is that due to the high amounts of physical activity expected from a soldier, most women while training and in deployment do not experience their periods, which is completely normal. However, there is an even simpler solution to this fear...birth control. Boom! Easy period regulation. The other medical fear is that of pregnancy; well, it is illegal to discriminate job opportunity based on pregnancy as according to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. The Army, as a professional environment, is held to this act and cannot legally discriminate a woman's entrance on these grounds.

The Army is a meritocracy. A soldier must be able to prove his or her worth as a soldier to gain decoration, promotion, and positions. If women are able to meet the standards of the Infantry, they should don the Blue Cord. Furthermore, women as added trainees would create more competition helping to make a stronger military with a larger meritocracy.

An Army that does not allow for women to attempt to become qualified soldiers implicitly approves sexist tendencies, as women will always be viewed as less than the male soldier. The Army has limited itself long enough by not allowing women the opportunity to become Infantry qualified. Women have proven themselves as soldiers on a limited scale; it is time the Army allows them to prove their full potential. Women should have the opportunity to join the U.S. Army Infantry.



The letter was found with a plain white mask. Photo Credit: Andrew Marshall

Gilmer Hall Continued

Sargent, EYP, and Commonwealth/Ballinger) were invited to campus to present their ideas for the science facilities. While all firms made excellent presentations, EYP was finally chosen. One reason the firm was chosen is that EYP headed the Master Plan update for Hampden-Sydney in 2012 and did an excellent job with the project. Representatives from EYP will be visiting campus December 9-11 to meet with people involved with science, math, psychology, and the vivarium here at the College.

Culley said the firm plans to have concept drawings prepared for the May 2016 Trustee Meeting. The plans are in the very early stages and it is uncertain what exactly to expect, but Culley said, "I envision an addition

behind Gilmer." He suggested that the addition might be connected to the original Gilmer Hall and the original building will then be renovated. However, Culley's remarks are a guess at this point in the process. No definite plans have been made. The project cannot move forward until a budget is figured out and funds have been raised specifically for the Gilmer Hall project; fundraising will definitely take some time. Culley expects the project will be the College's largest capital undertaking ever, costing even more than the Bortz Library construction.

Despite the massive project, students should not get too excited. Current students will likely not be here to see the new facilities once the changes are made. Most likely, a new science building will not be seen for years, but the recent selection of the architectural firm is a great start. When completed, the new facilities will benefit the College greatly; hopefully, they can be utilized for another fifty years or more.

Secret Society Continued

is a watershed moment for our campus. Despite the best efforts of a few conspiracy theorists here and there, we've never had confirmation about the existence of a secret society on campus. At the same time, the existence of such a society likely comes as no surprise to many members of the Hampden-Sydney community. After all, on a campus as old and venerable as ours, there will be a few

secrets and mysteries along the way.

Another thing to consider in the wake of this news is the Pheon Society's contribution to campus life. A quick search of the Hampden-Sydney website reveals little about the society, other than that they have donated to Commencement Exercises on multiple occasions. While a Google search of the terms "Pheon Society" leads to the Wikipedia page for "Collegiate Secret Societies in North America," there is no obvious link between the search terms and the first result.

However, the letter also raises a number of questions. What, exactly, does the Pheon Society do? Why

is the Society making itself public, and why now? And, of course, who is in the Pheon Society? All of these questions have been raised, without yet being answered. Perhaps the spring semester will bring satisfaction to those of us who are curious.

Regardless of the ultimate impact this society has on campus, the news of its existence is interesting and, perhaps, startling. It seems the best thing to do is to wait and see how the Pheons intend to help, prosper, and "ensure that this august campus perpetuates its very legacy." Who on our campus wouldn't support a mission statement like that?

Big News! Find the *Tiger* Online!

The *Tiger* will soon have an online version, accessible through the website of Hampden-Sydney College. Be sure to check out the January issue for instructions and more information!

Security Continued

increased security is to keep the campus safe rather than pose a hindrance.

Josiah Fleming, house manager for the Sigma Nu Fraternity, says that the measures have been helpful. He has received emails and met with members of Hampden-Sydney's police force to discuss the security measures that the police wish them to put in place and what they can and cannot do in an incident. Fleming says the police have been very friendly and clear about their requests. He says that security at parties mostly involves watching and checking for an ID if a person does not go to Hampden-Sydney. He hopes that with these measures in place negative incidences will decrease, such as vandalism, which he says is often due to party attendees but gets blamed on fraternities themselves.

Although living in a rural area will give a false sense of security, Hamp-

den-Sydney should not live in a sense of complacency. Mooney advises everybody to lock their doors, both for their dorm room and car. He says that criminals look for easy targets, and small steps such as locking a door, closing a car window, or not leaving valuable items visible in a car will be the biggest deterrents. He says that there has been a switch from room burglaries to automobile burglaries. Officers have been watching the parking lots more often, but Mooney still stresses that the biggest thing students can do is lock their doors and look out for anything suspicious. There has been a drop in the amount of crime since the beginning of the semester, something Mooney partially accredits to students taking common sense actions. Mooney also thanks the students for helping with the increased security measures on the Circle. He says "I really give a lot of credit to the students for with this. When they help, they realize there are some things they are giving up, but you have to have a balance for your safety." Although out-

side influences may cause problems on our campus, with the joined effort of the student body and our Hampden-Sydney Police force, the college can remain a safe place while maintaining a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere.



Fleming '16 has had positive experiences with H-SC Police. Photo Credit: Josiah Fleming, facebook.com



TIGER REVIEWS

Creed



The world of Rocky Balboa returns the big screen in the new film *Creed*, a spin-off of the original series. Sylvester Stallone is back in his signature role of Rocky, this time as a mentor to Michael B. Jordan's Adonis Johnson Creed, the son of Rocky's old rival Apollo Creed. The star duo is joined by talents such as Tessa Thompson, Tony Bellew, and Graham McTavish. The film is directed and co-written by 29-year-old Ryan Coogler, known for his work on 2013's powerful *Fruitvale Station*.

The film begins with the young Creed as a child, as we glimpse a childhood fractured by the absence of his late father. We soon are sped forward to 2015, where the events pick up where 2006's Rocky Balboa left off. Young Adonis, using the nickname "Donnie", is a newly professional boxer looking to pave his own career. He soon finds his way to the familiar Italian restaurant Adrian's,

where we catch our first glimpse of Rocky himself. The pair bond over their respective connections with the late Apollo, and Adonis soon gains a legendary tutor in his corner.

The cast is *Creed's* greatest strength, bringing depth to new characters and a healthy dose of nostalgia to old favorites. Michael B. Jordan lights up the screen as the title character,

masterfully carrying the weight of the name "Creed" while also bringing a fresh take to the Rocky formula. Sylvester Stallone slips right back into his classic Rocky shoes, bringing the same rough edge and charm to the character we all remember. Tessa Thompson holds her own as Adonis' love interest Bianca, who quickly becomes a critical part of the team. Tony

Bellew provides a worthy adversary as "Pretty" Ricky Conlan, and has audiences raring to go when he and the young Creed finally step into the ring.

The cinematography is another great strength, as the boxing sequences are expertly captured. The camera angles and points of view vary throughout the film, from intense training sequences to breathtaking moments inside the ring. The Rocky style is faithfully maintained, yet reimagined for a new era. The film does well to look and feel very different from *Southpaw*, 2015's other notable boxing film. Much of the principal photography took place on location in Philadelphia, so we see many of Rocky's old stomping grounds come back to life.

Overall this is a successful revival of the *Rocky* series and a great pure boxing movie. The plot does well to establish new characters, while also giving us fresh looks at older ones. Equal parts of boxing action and emotional pull should keep audiences interested, and this installment undoubtedly sets the franchise up for more in the future.

-Ellis Hopson '16



Fallout 4 Bethesda



This has quite seriously been one of the most anticipated games since *Fallout 3* came out in 2008. Even as a fan of the series I will say this is far from a perfect game, but it is very close and I would highly recommend you guys to ask Santa to put this game under the tree for you. Overall, this game has done for the *Fallout* franchise what *Skyrim* did for the *Elder Scrolls* series; it improves where it needs to but doesn't shake the formula up too much. That is probably the major complaint of this game, that it doesn't innovate all that much from the previous entries, but to be honest, it didn't have to. *Fallout 3*, *Fallout: New Vegas*, and, while not directly in the series, *Skyrim* were all met with critical acclaim and were all either

awarded or were in contention for Game of the Year when they came out.

To begin, the graphics of this game are an improvement from what was done in previous Bethesda titles, but don't stand out from the current generation of games. With games like *The Witcher 3*, *Halo 5*, and *Rise of the Tomb Raider*, it isn't exactly impressive. That being said it doesn't look bad either. The game has some stunning landscapes in the setting of a post-nuclear Boston, called the Commonwealth, and the environment varies from the urban center to some gloomy woods in the north and a true nuclear wasteland in the Glowing Sea. I becomes apparent relatively quickly though that what space could have been taken up with more memory for better graphics is taken up by the sheer amount of stuff to do in the game. After playing games like *Skyrim* and *Dragon Age: Inquisition* I can safely say that this game dwarfs almost everything else in sheer amount of places to visit and side quests to complete.

Side quests are what is to be expected in a game like this, but aren't fleshed out like *Witcher 3's* side quests were. I am not sure if that can be a valid complaint though, as *Witcher 3* has redefined a lot of what is to be expected in an RPG now, in particular how side quests should be handled.

Like any *Fallout* game, the wasteland is populated with memorable characters, a few of which can be recruited to join you while you travel the Commonwealth. This may be the best cast of companions in a *Fallout* game to date as each character is extremely enjoyable and has interesting stories to follow. But there are a few problems here as well. To start, there are simply too many characters to deal with. While there is a lot to do, there are only certain things that will unlock further stories with companions, and while playing the game I do not have enough time to finish all the stories or travel with more than a few of them. While the system has improved, Bioware games have con-

tinued to set the standard for these companion characters in an RPG.

The level of customization in this game is close to ridiculous, with players able to turn weapons such as a laser pistol into a fully scoped laser sniper rifle and back into a laser shotgun later. While that is certainly the extreme example, it is comparable to the level of customization players have over their armor and weapons in the game. Also, the character creator at the beginning is one of the most intuitive and easy to use creators I have seen and it is just as customizable as *Dragon Age: Inquisition's* was. There is also the option to spend resources to build up settlements and build your own base in the wasteland. While there is a lot of fun here, to be honest I haven't used this feature all that much as I wanted to use my resources to upgrade weapons and power armor, but people can spend the time to do both.

On a final note, the main story and the factions in this game have

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Local Eats: Comparing Two Tex-Mex Favorites

Graves Anthony '16
Food Critic

Until this year I had experienced neither Chipotle nor Moe's restaurants; I never knew what I was missing. I had always heard of the debate between the fans of the two restaurants, but I had never experienced the restaurants firsthand until this summer when I was taking a class at UVA and the program ordered out for Chipotle. More recently, I was exposed to the world of Moe's through my friends. The restaurant was conveniently located near the University of Richmond, where I would be going to a basketball game later that day. Both restaurants qualify for the title of fast casual dining; however, I would make the argument that they cater towards different audiences. Moe's has more of a corporate, upbeat, cheery feel whereas Chipotle has an outsider, industrial, hipster feel to their restaurants. Both places serve just about the same food.

Chipotle is a clean restaurant that is full of metal and dark colors. Chipotle prides itself on the fact that all of the ingredients in its food are made without GMO's, or genetically modified organisms. The fare is standard southwest tex-mex with the burrito or burrito bowl being the standard choice. I enjoy the burrito bowl because it is the best bet for your money. The guacamole is good, however it is very expensive. The product they put out with the food is delicious and makes the average college student here at Hampden-Sydney sing its praises. Every time I go to Chipotle I order the chicken burrito bowl with

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Local Eats Continued

everything that isn't five-alarm spicy. I do not like how you have to pay for chips and salsa to go with your food. The drinks at Chipotle are expensive and they don't give you many options other than your standard, run of the mill sodas and one other thing: beer, the one thing that college kids love more than water. I have never had a beer from Chipotle because if I am eating Chipotle it usually means that I am either busy or driving somewhere. It would be irresponsible and stupid to drink and drive or I just don't want to pay an ungodly price for a single beer.

Moe's: what is there to say about Moe's other than it is considered by

Taylor Talk Continued

something simple, like taking a walk, or doing a set of pushups. After you've proven that you can maintain this habit (rigorously) for about 6 weeks, then you should think about a pricey gym.

2) **DRINK LESS (ALCOHOL).** Incredible alcohol consumption (as is known to occur on our campus) has many known negative effects on one's health, such as poor academic performance, lower sperm count, and poor social performance (leading others to make remarks such as "what a dummy"). It is, therefore, our recommendation that you limit the number of nights that you imbibe, and put that money to good use (such as buying bonds or feeding orphans).

3) **WOULD Y'ALL JUST QUIT SMOKIN'.** It's not so much that we care deeply for your health. It's more that we are disgusted by the number and array of cigarette butts that litter our beautiful campus. And don't even get us started on Vape clouds (you're not 'innovative' just because you smell like Willy Wonka's armpit). We think it would be better for us all (and even your wallets) if you would stop smoking.

As always, please submit questions for the next edition of Taylor talk to College Box 1877.

many to be a rival to Chipotle? The food at Moe's is good, the same fare as Chipotle aside from the quesadillas and taco shell taco salads. The fact that Moe's has more products on the menu gives them a leg up, in my opinion. According to Entrepreneur.com, Moe's has 611 locations worldwide and is one of the fastest growing franchises in the country. Chipotle has over 1,700 restaurants worldwide. Moe's offers a few more things than does Chipotle; for example the free chips and salsa is great. Moe's gives you as many fresh chips and as much fresh salsa as you can eat. They have over five different kinds of salsa too. One of the other things that make them different from Chipotle is the Coke Freestyle machine that allows you to create any kind of drink combination that you could think of that is owned by Coca-Cola. It seems to me that Moe's understands that Americans want options and not some fancy non-GMO burrito. Moe's menu is simple and nicely visually laid out as compared to the bunched together words on a Chipotle menu. I also order a chicken burrito bowl at Moe's and order everything that isn't too spicy in it.

In all both restaurants are close in taste and flavor and therefore have to be tied on the food. I give Moe's the overall edge because of the extra options that it provides. You cannot beat free fresh chips and salsa or having the option to choose any drink combination or flavor you want. I give Moe's a coveted 5 of 5 stars whereas because it offers more limited options, Chipotle gets 4 of 5 stars because it just cannot compete with Moe's on the fringe benefits. I would invite and encourage you all to try the restaurants for yourselves. Until next time, happy eating and good luck on your exams!



Graves gives Moe's the edge based on extra options. Photo Credit: Moe's Newsroom

A Blast from the Past: December, 1984

Quinn Sipes '19
Staff Writer

It is hard to believe that there was a time when the *Tiger* didn't have two guys give advice to its readers. I was able to trace back the original "Taylor Talks" to December 13, 1984, when it was run by "Sri Saribindu and the Rev," better known as George Webb and Sean Driscoll. Their column just goes to show that while Hampden-Sydney students have always loved to complain (and to ask for advice), we've gotten a little kinder about it over the years.

SS & R have all the answers to your worldly questions

Dear Sri and Rev;

I have a friend who, after failing a test, lost his cool in front of Morton. Should he go to happy hour, or should he accost the teacher?

Concerned for a blow off.

Dear Concerned;

Your poor friend is obviously depressed by being mistaken for a Prof. He should try to vindicate himself by taking immediate action on the teacher. The proper way to make a Molotov cocktail is to fill a Gordon's gin bottle with airplane fuel and then fire bomb the "F"-crazed teacher's car. Happy Hour at this point is a must.

Dear Sri and Rev;

My roommate has taken up the practice of feeding rats in Cushing. I

really don't mind the little rodents, but he keeps on calling them "my little law enforcers" and smothering them with kisses. He claims that it's all part of a psychology project, but I think he's sick.

Willard's roommate in Cushing

Dear Roommate;

Your roommate really should seek professional help. There are many good vivisection labs that might be willing to employ him if he ever needs a job, but right now he should see Dr. O.

Dear Sri and Rev,

All semester I've worked really hard to Macintosh all my notes in P-Chem. Just at the end of the semester a drug-using fraternity member asked me to Xerox all my notes for him. What should I do?

Distraught in Gilmer 019

Dear Distraught;

In order to answer your question we must seek enlightenment from the old masters. As Confucius says, "Give a man a Xerox and you have passed him for a test, teach a man a Xerox, and you have passed him for life." So you must, as your civic duty, give him the notes. If you don't you will definitely become the brunt of much bathroom writing. So give in to the pressure digit head, and go watch Tron to feel better.

Dear Sri and Rev;

Tomorrow I have a final in Biology, and I haven't cracked a book for the whole semester. It looks as if the fifty megaton is about to make Gilmer ground zero. I don't know nothing about the course. What should I do?

Nuked for the Semester

Dear Nuked;

Sometimes nothing can be a real cool hand, Nuke. Go watch the "egg-eating" scene in "Cool Hand Luke." This will give you true insight into the possibilities of will power.

Dear Sri and the Rev;

I've been living in the new dorms for six weeks now, and boy have I been suffering. Every day I leave in the morning and sink up to my knees in that imported, fast growing Georgia red clay. Should I invest in boots, or will the landscaping be finished before LL Bean can ship them to me? Help, I'm in a quandary.

Mucked up in C-Building

Dear Mucked;

Have faith kid; it's the Christmas season and Bean will not be able to get your boots to you in time. Perma-frost sets in in Farmville around December and the mud will freeze so you won't sink anymore. It's either that or buy galoshes from Prices.

Dear Sri and Rev;

Have you ever had one of those G-dmnd know-it-alls in your class? You know, the brown nosers that answer all the questions and make painfully long comments. Well, the other day I grabbed such one bean-head in the hall and told him that if he made another comment in class I would break his face. Now I feel kind of guilty. Do you think I did the right thing?

Bully in Morton

Dear Bully,

You have done the noble thing my

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presented me with one of the biggest moral questions a game has presented me in a long time. There are not clear cut "good" and "bad" guys in this game. In fact, every single ending has its perks and its flaws for the overall story. Some may miss the chance to

be pure evil in a RPG; a player can still be evil, but in the end the game doesn't present a true "evil" choice in the end, nor does it give a true "good" one either. Some have criticized this but I personally enjoy wrestling with this dilemma, as it seems to me to be more indicative of real life situations in that there really isn't a right or wrong.

Fallout 4 isn't perfect, but hopefully it will live up the 7 years of expectations people have had. In the end, I cannot do anything but recommend that you buy this game and set aside a few days' worth of time to play through it.

-Joe Lantagne '16



TIGER SPORTS

Wrestling and Swimming off to Icy Winter Starts

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Sports Editor

Winter sports are in full swing here at Hampden-Sydney, and two of the teams to watch are wrestling and swimming. Both sports are underway here in the early days of December, and both are off to slow starts so far this season. Wrestling is battling some lackluster results as the team looks to get the program going in the right

direction, while swimming hopes to steady and perform consistently. H-SC Wrestling most recently competed at the Southern Virginia Duels on November 21st, an event that hosted five other teams. The Tigers were swept by the competition, losing 45-14 to Greensboro, 39-3 to Southern Virginia, 45-3 to Huntingdon, and 50-0 to Washington & Lee. Despite the disappointing team results, there were some good individual performances for H-SC. The Tigers will be back

in action at the Washington & Lee Duels on Monday, December 21st. H-SC Swimming traveled to Ashland, VA, on December 4th for the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jacket Invitational. It was a disappointing trip for the Tigers, as they placed 10th out of ten teams. However, there were a few strong individual and relay performances that will give H-SC hope for the rest of the season. The Tigers will return to action when they travel to Bridgewater College on Saturday, January 9th.



Ryan Mitchell '17 and Conor O'Heir '17 are this year's swim team co-captains.
Photo Credit: H-SC Athletics

Upcoming Sporting Events (Home Events in Bold)

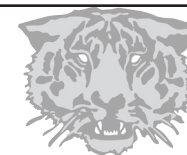
Basketball	@Roanoke	Wed., Jan. 13th	5 p.m.
	Washington & Lee	Sat., Jan. 16th	2 p.m.
	@ Randolph	Wed., Jan. 20th	7 p.m.
	@ Eastern Mennonite	Sat., Jan. 23rd	3 p.m.
	Guilford	Wed., Jan. 27th	7 p.m.
	@Bridgewater	Sat., Jan. 30th	2 p.m.
Swimming	Ferrum & Hollins	Fri., Jan. 15th	6 p.m.
	@ Greensboro College	Sat., Jan. 16th	1 p.m.
	@ Greensboro College	Wed., Jan. 20th	1 p.m.
Wrestling	@Builders Invitational	Sun., Jan. 17th	1 p.m.

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friend. Pathetic stuffed intellectuals are a problem for everyone. There's nothing better than to see one of their oversized crania go mush all over the floor.

Dear Sri and Rev;
I am president at a small college in Virginia and it has recently become quintessentially clear to me that I might be able to ascend to a job at a bigger, more prestigious school. Should I do this, or run for governor?
Name Withheld by request
Dear President Bunting;
Blow it all off and apply for a job at Hardee's.

TIGER SPORTS



Hoops Team Improves Record, Looks to 2016

Spencer Connell '17
Sports Writer

It's *that* time of the semester: term papers, group projects, and final exams loom over The Hill. Nonetheless, there is a basketball season in full swing, which has been filled with some close games for the Hampden-Sydney Tigers. Luckily, in the span between late November and early December, the Tigers managed to win four of their most recent five games, including a thrilling home victory over Emory and Henry.

We pick up the action back in November at the South Region Classic, hosted by the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA. On November 21, H-SC battled the North Carolina Wesleyan Battling Bishops. The Tigers had control of the entire game after a one point lead at halftime, 32-31. As the second half progressed, the Tigers ran away with a 73-60 victory. Every H-SC player managed to score at least 2 points in the game, which proves that this game was a total team victory. Sophomore forward Josh Katorwitz (Raleigh, NC) led the team with 10 points while junior guard Jake Duncan (Williamsburg, VA) had 9 points thanks to 3 three-pointers. Sophomore forward Guilherme Guimarães (Ribeirão Preto, Brazil) led the team defensively with 8 rebounds.

The next day, H-SC took on a familiar foe: the University of Mary Washington Eagles. Unlike the past two years in which the Tigers won in thrilling fashion thanks to Mike Murray's affinity for buzzer-beaters, H-SC handled this edition well and in a more controlled manner. An even first half was a bit concerning for both teams, but the Tigers out-played the Eagles and took home the victory 71-66. Speaking of Mike Murray,

the senior guard from Norfolk, VA led the Tiger offense with 12 points and Duncan had 11. Defensively, the team was led by Murray, who had 7 rebounds, followed by Duncan's 6. Guimarães and fellow sophomore forward Nick Chase (Wilmington, NC) had 5 rebounds each.

The road trip continued for the Tigers as they played the William Pace University Pacers in Raleigh, NC on November 24. The first half was dominated by the Tigers as they went into halftime with a 49-36 lead. However, the Pacers surged back into contention in the second half, almost preventing a Tiger victory. Despite outscoring H-SC in the second half by 8, it was not enough and the Tigers came away with another road victory, 89-84. Jake Duncan led the HSC offense with an impressive 22 points, including six three-pointers. Mike Murray had 16 points, including a 75% free-throw rate (6-for-8). Junior guard JaVonte Reddick (Richmond, VA) had 10 points, including two three-pointers as well. Defensively, Gui Guimarães led the team with 5 rebounds.

As the calendar turned to December, the Tigers were *still* on the road attempting to defend their three-game win streak in the first ODAC game of the season against the Washington & Lee University Generals. Unfortunately for H-SC, the Generals were in control for the whole game, handing the Tigers another loss, 75-65. Freshman guard Andrew Evans (Raleigh, NC) led the Tiger offense with 20 points, including two three-pointers, and made all four of his shots from the charity stripe. Senior forward Mitch Owens (Williamsburg, VA) had 16 points, including two three-pointers. Gui Guimarães and Mike Murray each had 5 rebounds on the night.

The road trip finally ended for H-SC, and the team returned to Fleet Gym on December 5 for the second ODAC game of the season against

the Emory and Henry College Wasps. The scoring was slow in the first half, but it picked up by the end of the half, which was an even match; Emory and Henry only had a two point lead at the half. The second half was more interactive between the two teams, especially toward the end of the game. With under 30 seconds left, the Tigers were holding on to a lead when Emory and Henry's Clif Conley hit a half-court shot with 1.5 seconds left. Luckily, after Emory and Henry fouled an H-SC player, Mike Murray sank the final two free throws to seal an 87-83 HSC victory. Duncan had 21 points, including four from beyond the three

point line. Murray had 18 points, two three-pointers along with a 6-for-7 performance on free throws. Owens tallied 15 points, including three from downtown, while freshman guard Andrew Evans had 11 rebounds and he went 5-for-6 at the free throw line.

The team takes a break for now to focus on exams. Heading into the Winter Break games, the Tigers are 4-2 (1-1 ODAC) and they have a challenging road ahead as the ODAC series of matchups looms on the horizon of 2016. After exams are over, the team will host the annual Luck Stone Holiday Tournament featuring Immaculata University, William

Peace University, and Albright College. The tournament will last for two days, December 19 and 20, and H-SC will play Immaculata on the 19th at 5pm at Fleet Gym. The consolation and championship games will take place the next day. The final 2015 home game will take place on December 29th against the Birmingham Southern College Panthers for a 1 pm showdown. In January 2016, the Tigers will play in the Johns Hopkins Blue Jay Invitational in Baltimore, Maryland. After all of the extensive travels, H-SC will pick up the remainder of its conference games beginning on January 6th at Randolph-Macon.



The team prepares for its November 17th matchup against Averett University. Photo Credit: Jonathan Walkey